



CCC and CCFW Collaborating as Single Catholic Cemetery Resource During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear Members of CCC and CCFW –

In an effort to come together under a common and unified collaboration on behalf of all Catholic cemeterians across the country during these very difficult and challenging times, the Catholic Cemetery Conference and Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services of the West will be working closely with one another to share vital updates to the members of both organizations.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is rocking our world. As the pandemic continues to grow, it is important for all Archdiocese and Diocese regardless of geography to come together, share ideas and develop best practices to help families.

Over the past few weeks, we have been forced to re-invent our cemetery business. We have closed our buildings to the public. We have to limit the number of workers in our building sending many staffers to work remotely. We are planning via phone, email and Zoom.

The mission of both our organizations are, and continues to be, commitment to promoting the Order of Christian Funerals and the tradition of Catholic Burial in Catholic Cemeteries. As a group, we can work together to find solutions to our current situation to continue honoring our message.

We encourage everyone receiving this email to ask questions and share what you are doing. Include what's working and what's not working. Help others get better. By coming together in our faith, we can help our peers avoid the same pitfalls.

Each of our organizations have created a landing page on our respective websites to facilitate the sharing of information. As information is shared with us, we will in turn share with you. Information being shared by CCC can be found at <https://catholiccemeteryconference.org/covid-19-information/> and information being shared by CCFW can be found at <https://www.ccfwest.org/industry-news/ccfw-covid-19-updates-and-resources/>.

It was Charles Darwin who said **“It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive, but those who can best manage change.”** Individually, we will do very good things. Collectively, we will do great thing. **Let's be great.**

Faithfully together as one,

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